



# Montana Department of LABOR & INDUSTRY

State Workforce Investment Board

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## State Workforce Investment Board Minutes

September 25, 2014

7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Red Lion Colonial Inn

2301 Colonial Dr., Helena, MT

Break Out Rooms & Executive Room

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dave Crum, Chair; Dean Bentley; Commissioner Pam Bucy; Tina Bundtrock; John Cech; John Danielson; Al Ekblad; Senator Tom Facey; Paul Gatzemeier; Jasyn Harrington; Keith HeavyRunner; Jacquie Helt; William Hunt; Niles Hushka; Billie Lee; Nan LeFebvre; Loren Rose; Brandon Schmidt; and Scott Trent and Jane Weber

**DESIGNEES PRESENT:** Margaret Bowles; Nancy Feroni; and Jim Marks

**DESIGNEES ABSENT:** Andy Shirtliff

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dan Bernhardt; Casey Blumenthal; Senator Edward Buttrey; Sarah Calhoun; Larry Hall; Kirk Hammerquist; Representative Brian Hoven; Denise Juneau; Fred Kellogg; Maureen Kenneally; Representative Ryan Lynch; Mike McGinley; John McKee; Rodney Miller; Robert Minto; Richard Oppen; Meg O'Leary; Kim Ormsby; Tammy Pilcher; and John Rogers

**STAFF:** Leisa Smith, Pam Watson, Greg Cano and Chris Wilhelm

**GUESTS:** Deb Chouinard (Helena Job Service Manager), Suzanne Ferguson (Department of Labor & Industry), Annie Glover (Director of Communications-DOL), (Lisa Newman (Career Training Institute), Eric Smith (Boeing), and Lindsey Woolsey (The Woolsey Group)

### Sub-committee Meetings

Sub-committee meetings were held from 8-10 am. Go to <http://www.swib.mt.gov> for meeting minutes from each subcommittee: Lifelong Learning, Sector Strategies, Workforce Investment Act and Youth Council.

### SWIB Full Board Reconvenes

Chair Crum called the meeting back to order at 10:15 am. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

### Committee Report Outs

**Lifelong Learning Committee:** Lifelong Learning Committee members heard presentations regarding the role of Career Pathways; an update on the SWAMMEI grant; Dual Credit; the Credit-for-Credit Program; HiSET and the GED; and the Moving Pathways Forward Project. Chair Scott Trent would like to have GoToMeetings with the Lifelong Learning Committee members to develop a motion to be presented to the board during the December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. That motion would be in the form of an initiative for SWIB to support Career Pathways.

**Workforce Investment Act Committee:** WIA committee members heard presentations regarding WIA/WIOA and significant changes; re-certification of Montana's One-Stop Systems and the role of the SWIB board; and the current state strategic plan required by WIA. Jane Weber, stand-in Chair for Mike McGinley, made a motion that SWIB staff update and prepare the Snapshot document which hasn't been updated since 2007. After preparation, the Snapshot could be posted on the SWIB website. The motion was voted upon, passed and carried.

Acting Chair Weber also made a motion to defer the re-certification of Montana One-Stop Centers until July, 2016 when more guidance will be provided by the federal government. The motion was voted upon, passed and carried.

**Youth Council:** Chair William Hunt reported that the council received an informative presentation from Margaret Bowles in regard to the differences between the GED and the HiSET high school equivalency programs. Montana has recently adopted the HiSet option and the GED is no longer the high school equivalency program. He believes that communities need to be further educated about this change. John Danielson also gave a thorough presentation on the Jobs for Montana Graduates and the pilot working with the WIA Youth Program in four counties out of the Kalispell area. JMG is also requested that the Youth Council become an advisory group for the JMG programs as they move forward with strategic planning and program activities. The committee also needs to expand its membership per the current WIA law. Staff is awaiting guidance from US DOL on any changes to this Council and its membership under the new WIOA. The Council would also like to develop a mission statement but wished to wait until the full board has had an opportunity to develop an overarching mission. No meetings are scheduled at this time.

**Sector Strategies Committee:** The committee heard presentations regarding the Current Healthcare Workforce: HealthCARE Grant Data and what it means to Montana and the role of business and industry and sector partnerships. Nan Lefebvre, stand-in Chair for John McKee, reported that the committee would like to implement a sector partnerships initiative and somehow become champions who will facilitate and educate Montanans about sector partnerships. They would like to start 6 sector partnerships within the next 3 years. They would also like to support the Healthcare initiative & TAACCT grant if we receive it.

## **SWIB Next Steps**

Chair Crum suggested that staff prepare a SWIB board book for each board member, similar to those distributed some years ago.

He also recommended that the Executive Committee work on drafting a mission statement to present to the board in December.

Chair Crum suggested that with committees planning on GoToMeetings, the December SWIB meeting only be one day-December 2, 2014 instead of December 2-3, 2014.

Chair Crum dismissed the meeting at 12:30 pm.